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APPLICANT: Jos Kobussen, et al. ART UNIT: 3405  
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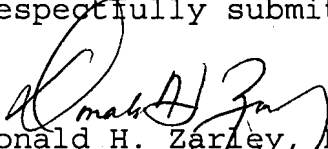
LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

We are writing to make inquiry regarding the group assignment of the instant application. A very similar co-pending application filed October 31, 1998, Serial No. 08/961,799 has been assigned to Group 1302.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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